HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 418

By Todd

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Toyota Motor Manufacturing, Tennessee.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly take great pride in recognizing those exceptional companies that are committed to the economic success of the State of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, one such company is Toyota Motor Manufacturing, Tennessee, formerly known as Bodine Aluminum, which officially changed its name in 2020, thus making the State of Tennessee one of just ten states that can say, "We have a Toyota plant in our state."; and

WHEREAS, firmly planting its roots in the Volunteer State's fertile soil, Toyota Motor Manufacturing, Tennessee announced a \$50 million investment and plant expansion in 2019 after celebrating the company's fifteenth anniversary in Tennessee in 2018; and

WHEREAS, this distinguished company's impact on Tennessee's economy is exceptional as, according to a study conducted by the Center for Automotive Research, Toyota Motor Manufacturing, Tennessee's direct employees (manufacturing-related and new vehicle jobs) earned \$517 million in payroll; and

WHEREAS, as cited in that same report, when direct employees are combined with jobs at companies that supply Toyota as well as spinoff jobs, Toyota Motor Manufacturing,

Tennessee is estimated to support more than 13,000 jobs in Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, Toyota Motor Manufacturing, Tennessee is also committed to improving the quality of life for all Tennesseans, as displayed by its philanthropic donations of more than \$1.7 million across Tennessee since 2003, including \$400,000 donated in 2020 to the plant community; and

WHEREAS, it is most appropriate that we acknowledge this exemplary company on this special occasion; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED TWELFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor and commend Toyota Motor Manufacturing, Tennessee on its recent name change, applaud its continuing commitment to the State of Tennessee, and extend our best wishes for much continued success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.

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